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—Alfred E. Neuman

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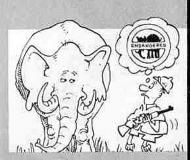
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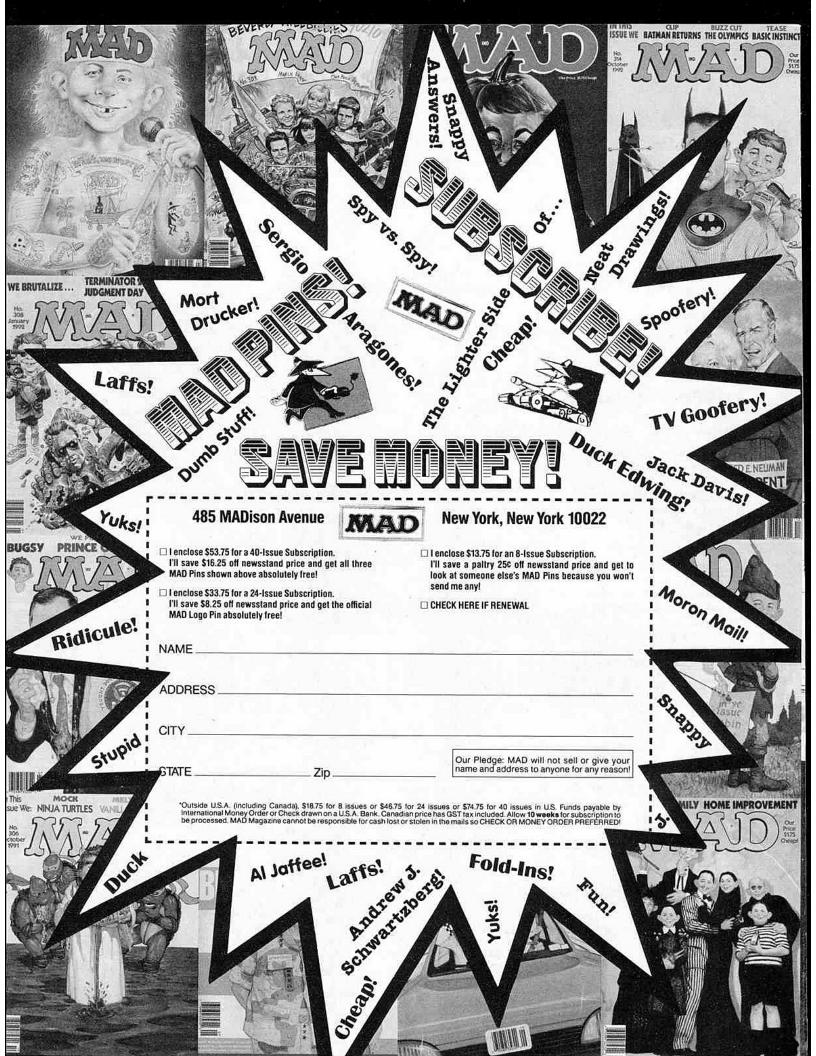
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LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.



ALLEN WRENCH



Home Improvement star Tim Allen shows us how he responds when asked if he "saw" our "Gnome Improvement" spoof in MAD #311!

MORON MAIL

I'm mad about MAD! I'm mad about MAD! I'm mad about MAD! There! I got it out of my system! I've been wanting to write you and let you know since I was ten years old.

Nancy C. Lyle A 36-year-old Mad woman Plantersville, MS

You've been waiting since you were ten? For other MAD readers who don't want to wait 26 years to get it out of their system, we suggest a mixture of two teaspoons mineral oil in a glass of Ocean Spray cranapple with just a dash of cayennel Whoal Mercyl—Ed.

IS THERE A DOCTOR

My condolences on the passing of William Gaines. My subscription renewal confirms my confidence that your fine journal will continue without compromise. Let me know if you need a staff OB/GYN.

Henry J. Sobel, M.D. Obstetrics, Gynecology & infertility Annapolis, MD

Doc Sobel—We have long contemplated putting an OB/GYN man on our staff, but at the moment we have no openings!—Ed.

SPY 'GRAPHS

I just finished assembling my official MAD Spy Vs. Spyplanes from MAD Collector's series #4 and amazingly enough, they worked! They made it across most of my living room without crashing into the wall or doing a spinning nosedive! I gotta admit, you guys finally did something right!

David Lekwa Columbus Jct., IA

We hate to burst your little bubble, but we designed the Spyplanes so they WOULD crash into walls and do spinning nosedives! Oh well, back to the old drawing board!—Ed.

In my day, kids ripped off classics like *Frankenstein* and *Dracula* for Halloween costume ideas. Now they have sunk to ripping off MAD. That's frightening!

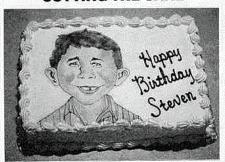
Ann Zacharias Sacramento, CA



Andy Zacharias and Alan Buehler: counterintelligence operatives or life-size salt and pepper shakers? By the way, what's Nancy Reagan doing standing behind them, Huh?



CUTTING THE CAKE



Wow! I got an Alfred E. Neuman cake for my birthday! Cool, huh?

Steve Govern Rochester Hills, MI

Coincidentally, on his last birthday, Alfred received a Steve Govern cake...a Twinkiel—Ed.



In MAD #313, we asked you to decide which Alfred E. Neuman should appear on a postage stamp: the young or the mature Alfred. You sent in your ballots and we counted them! The triumphant winner with nearly 58% of the votes is... the Young Alfred! Tragically, however, the night before the presses were set to roll, vandals broke into the U.S. Postal Service printing plant and switched the Alfred stamp printing plate with the one showing an American flag. Nevertheless, when you go to the post office, be sure to ask for the Alfred E. Neuman stamp...they'll know which one you're talking about!

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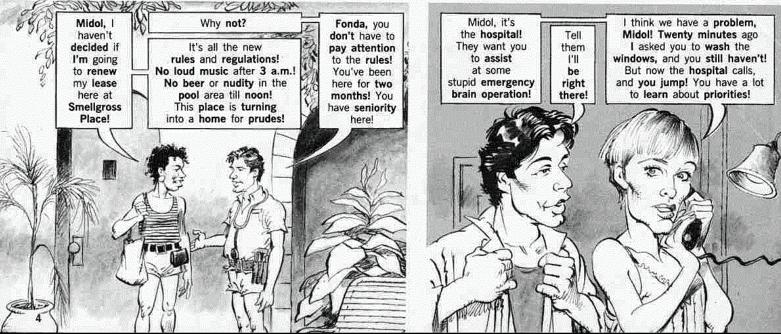
MAD welcomes reader submissions. Manuscripts will not be returned or acknowledged, however, unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope or a note congratulating Rey and Lily on their 25th!

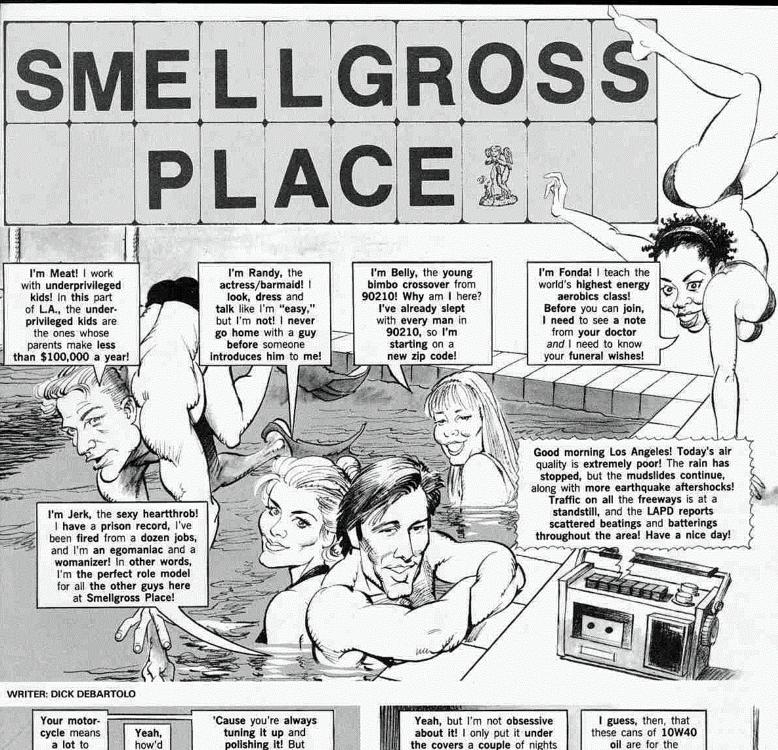
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The Fox Network's new nighttime soap opera is like a younger version of thirty something. The only difference is in this series, the plot stinks and the writing stinks. But then again, if it didn't stink, it wouldn't be...







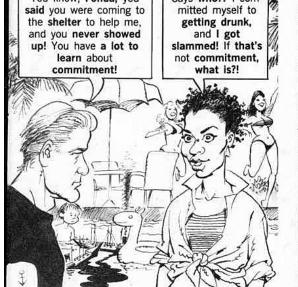


Yeah, but I'm not obsessive about it! I only put it under the covers a couple of nights a week! Besides, it's a safer bedroom partner than a lot of others around here, no doubt! I guess, then, that these cans of 10W40 oil are for the motorcycle! Too bad! My imagination was running wild!





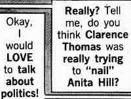




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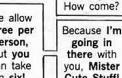
You mean "Long Dong Silver"? I'd have to check my diary to see how MY date with him went! And how about those parties at Ted Kennedy's place!

TEE

Boy! I am glad we've discovered our love for politics! It's opened up a whole new dimension!



How many pairs of We allow pants can three per I take into the person, but you changing room at can take



Really?



I don't think we can fit in there together!

Sure we can! There just won't be any room for the clothes you want to try on! But hey, I guess them's the breaks!

We're supposed to be platonic roommates, but don't you feel major sexual tension between both of us?

Why do you say that? Just because I washed your underwear last night doesn't mean anything!

Yeah, but you washed them while I was still wearing them!

into it! Oh, by the way, tonight it's your turn to wash my nightie, and I want it scrubbed hard!



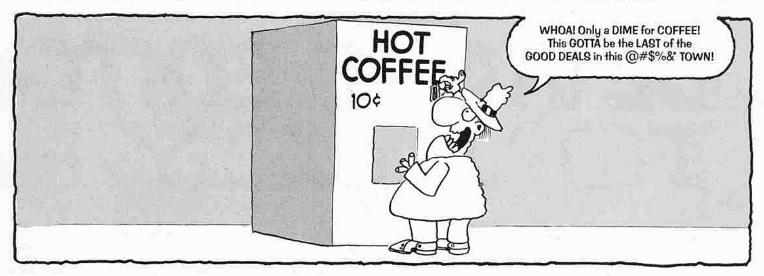


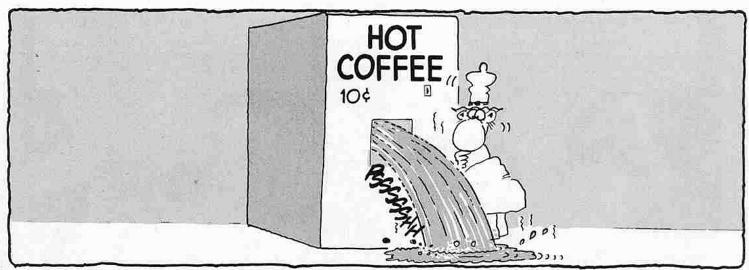
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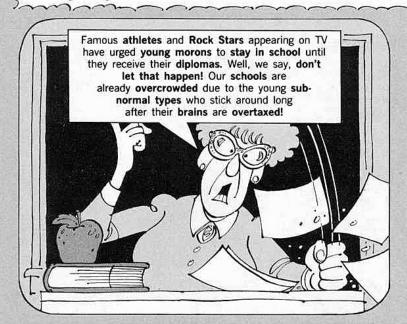


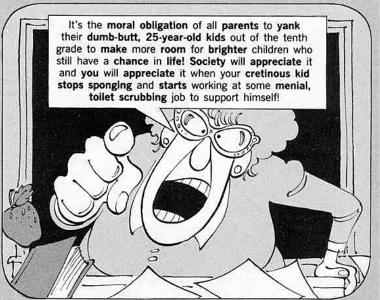
EQUAL SLIME DEPT.

Most of us take TV's Equal Time Rule for granted because it has existed all of our lives. That's the law which states that any TV station providing air time to one political candidate must offer equal time to his opponents. In recent years, this concept has been expanded to insure a balanced view of so

DEVIANT EDITOR TO WOLLY HI

Lashing out against an editorial, here is the leader of the Teacher's Crusade for Uncluttered Schools, Ms. April Mae Truant.





Now, on behalf of the Fellowship of Non-Voting Americans, here is Mr. Marcus Absent.

Last week, the League of Women Voters put one of its top browbeaters on TV to urge everyone to go to the polls on Election Day.
Us adult underachievers resent such nagging! As dimwits who never understand the issues, we proudly stay away from the polls to help make America great!

The old busybodies in the League threaten to undermine the very fabric of our country by engaging fools like you and me to vote!

Do your patriotic duty! Stay home on Election Day and let those who are more qualified make your decisions for you!

many issues that we now hear both sides of many arguments that we really didn't care about in the first place. Lately, these arguments have gotten way out of hand! In fact, they've gotten so far out of hand that they're downright ugly! Of course, that won't stop us from sharing some with you! Here's...

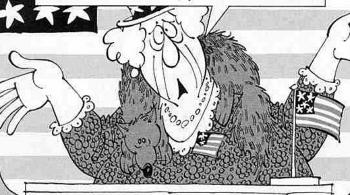
PIAL RESPONSES ELD OPNONS

Here now is Mrs. Lustie Trasher, the grand matron of the Daughters of Native Born Bigots.

ARTIST: PAUL COKER WRITER: TOM KOCH

A swarthy, left wing, pinko teacher recently wormed his way onto TV to tell you about free lessons for immigrants in English as a Second Language.

We won't stand for that! Native born patriots already have a hard time spotting some breeds of lousy foreigners because they dress like us and even sit where they want on our busses!



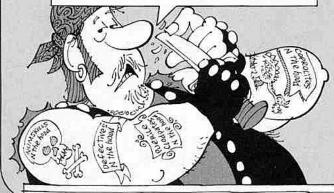
It's only when we hear them chatter in their crazy alien lingo that we can be sure they're inferior to us! Now many subversives are helping them cover up that flaw too! Soon, every foreigner will be moving into your neighborhood and marrying your sister—unless we stamp out English lessons now and keep our American language safe for Americans!



Voicing disapproval with an appeal by this station, here is the founder of the League of Inner City Street Gangs, Mr. Random Shotz.

So I'm holdin' up dis 'lectronics store and I see dis guy on TV askin' ya to give some dough and equipment to dem Boy's Club sissies!

Can ya believe dat? If dese little dweebs got money dey'd probably spend it on some pansy sports equipment! We's da ones who need da cash flow for ball and legal fees!



Believe me man, one hour—dat's about fifty-some minutes—costs a helluva lot more den a bunch of dose basketballs and footballs! So forget dose Boy's Club wussys! Send a few bucks to your local street gang! Remember, we'll get dat money from youse somehow... even if we have to bust your kneecaps!

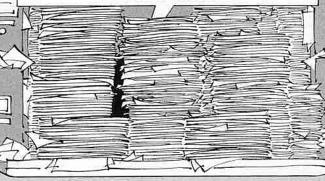


Responding to a Medicaid announcement, here is the director of the Association of Franchised Hospitals, Mr. Ward Crowder.

Certain Do-Gooders appearing on this station are once again trying to pick our pockets for money to wipe out a serious disease. Who's going to pay for our Rolls-Royces, summer condos, yachts or especially the upkeep of our hospitals if people with serious diseases are cured before they've forked over their last cent?



Honest people like you will pay, that's who! How can you expect to get your tonsils removed for a mere \$10,000 if the incurables who supply us with a steady income are miraculously cured? So do your part to help keep sickos sick! Remember, every cured disease just causes needy hospitals and hospital directors to turn elsewhere for quick cash!



Now, speaking for the Decaying Alliance of Sub-Standard Realtors, here is Mr. Urban Blitemore.

This station recently asked you to donate food and clothing to our downtown homeless. What kind of low-down, commie plot is this? Homeless people are undeserving whiners who refuse to pay a few hundred thousand dollars to get themselves a modest fixer-upper!



It's the poor realtors who suffer from such needless displays of selfishness while the tightwad street people sleep comfortably in doorways to conserve their wealth!

Stop rewarding cheapskate street people! Instead, lavish your generosity on those who see to it that you have a fine new wall calendar each January—your local real estate salesman!



Voicing opposition to a recent public service announcement, here is the 1991 Queen of the Arsonists' Ball, Miss Blaze Kindler.

In a recent editorial, the dull-witted stiff-shirts who run this station asked you to support Fire Prevention Week by repairing old wiring and by not using oily rags.

The hard working arsonists in your community were so shocked by that appeal that many of us dropped our Zippo lighters!

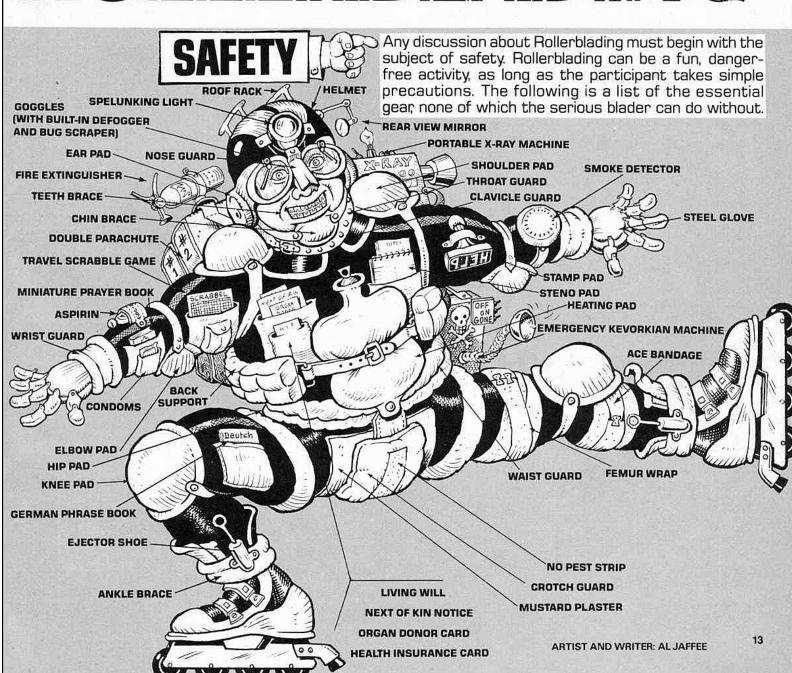


Arsonists are helpful citizens who get rid of unsightly old buildings while aiding bums in warming their hands and slumlords in collecting on their fire insurance!

So remember the motto of our mascot, Freddy the Flaming Firefly:
"Only you can promote forest fires!"

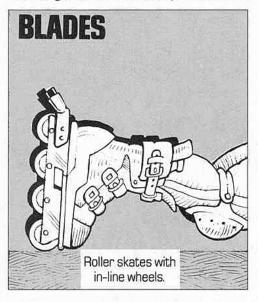
Once upon a time, little boys and girls were happy to clamp a pair of skates onto their shoes and roll slowly, but surely, down the sidewalk. Safety equipment in those days was a pair of long pants to prevent the occasional scraped knee. Today's youth and adults, however, want to go FAST, FAST, FAST! And as for danger, well, skaters are are no longer satisfied with the "boring" risk of perhaps running into a pedestrian. No, they need a much greater challenge, like dodging traffic or jumping canyon-sized potholes. So they run out and buy a pair of Rollerblades. But before **you** run out and join this legion of Spandex-covered schmucks, perhaps you ought to sit down on your soon-to-be-sore hynie and read...

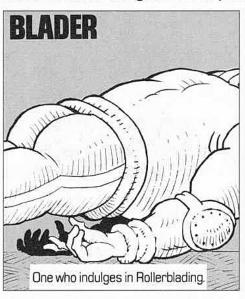
A MAD REPORT ON ROLLERBLAIDING

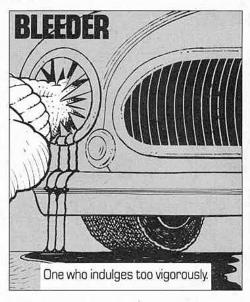


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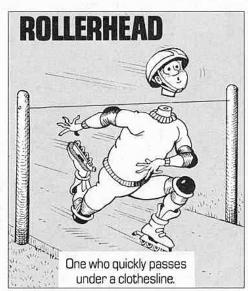
Like all sports, Rollerblading has its own jargon. If you don't want to come off like some geek with no life, you had better sit down with this guide and try to learn it.





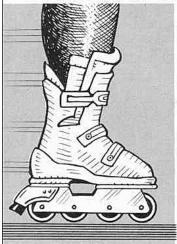




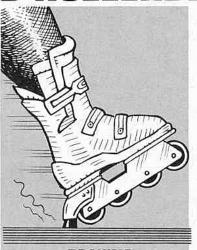




STANDARD ROLLERBLADE FOOT POSITIONS



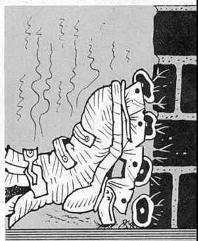
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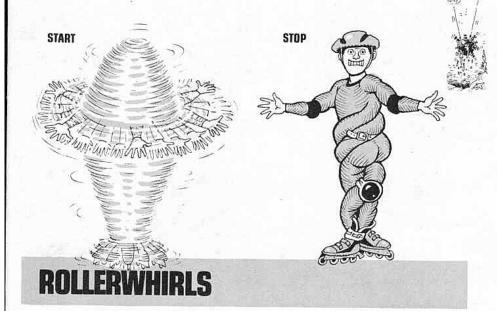
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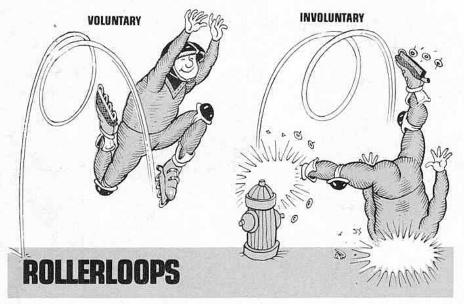


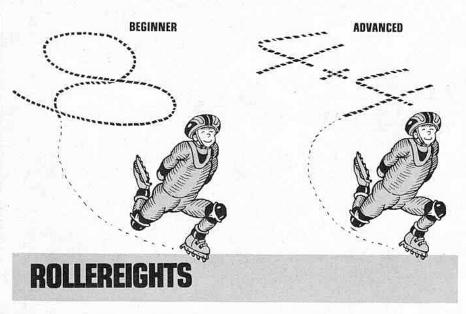
WAITING FOR THE AMBULANCE

ROLLERROUTINES

Rollerblades make some of the wonderful routines of ice skating possible. Here are some favorites:







ROLLERSTYLES

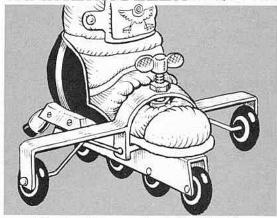
Rollerblades come in a variety of styles and prices. To help you make a choice that suits both your pocketbook and your fear of death, here are some popular models now available:

GHROLLER......\$750.



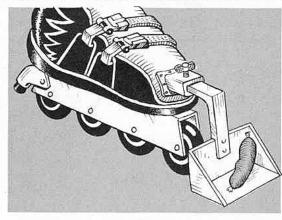
Pretentious and overvalued. Are extremely popular with Donald Trump and ex-Chrysler Chief Lee lacocca.

TRAINERROLLER...\$250.



For beginners. Just like bicycle training wheels, they eliminate all the danger (and all the fun).

POOPERROLLER....\$450.



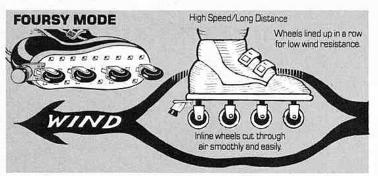
Practical and hygienic. Especially good for high dog density areas. 15

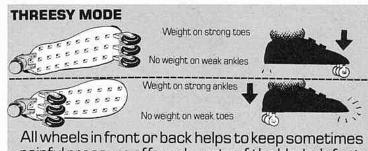
FUTURE ROLLERBLADE TECHNOLOGY

Rollerblade technology is constantly improving. On the drawing board currently is a design that will allow any blader to customize his blades to suit his mood by simply placing removable wheels into different positions. Below is a sneak preview of...

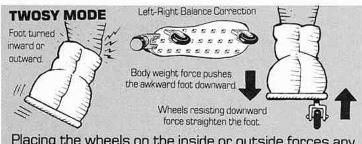


Here are just a few of the CONVERTAROLLER'S combinations:

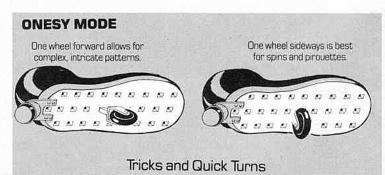




painful pressure off weak parts of the blader's feet.



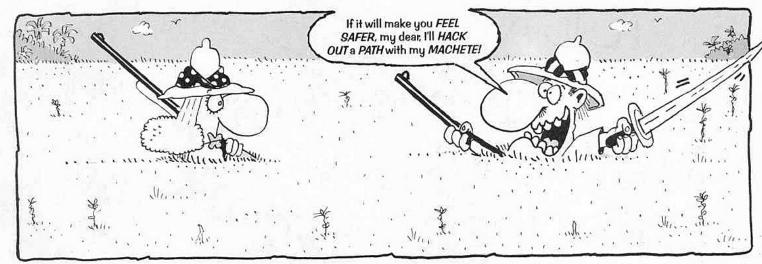
Placing the wheels on the inside or outside forces any problem feet that turn inward or outward to straighten.

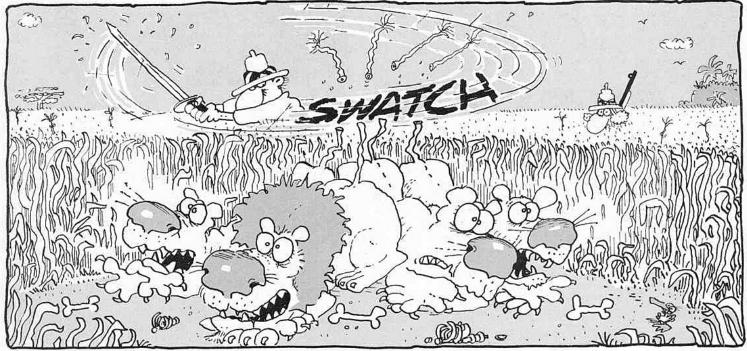




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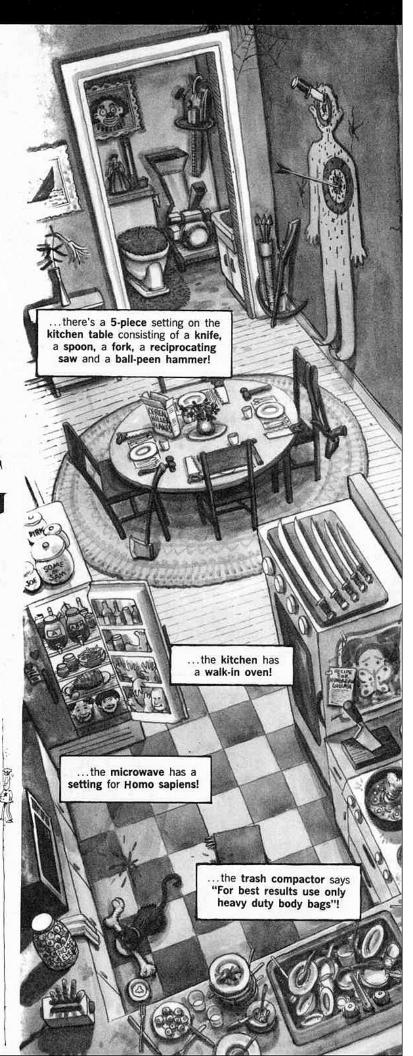
A ROOM WITH A VIEW TO A KILL DEPT.

There's an old saying that "Everybody laughs at a clown, but no one lends him money. Similarly, Americans have an on-going, gruesome fascination with serial killers—but nobody wants to rent an apartment a serial killer lived in! Therefore, as a public service, we present the following illustrated guide for you apartment hunters out there, aptly entitled...

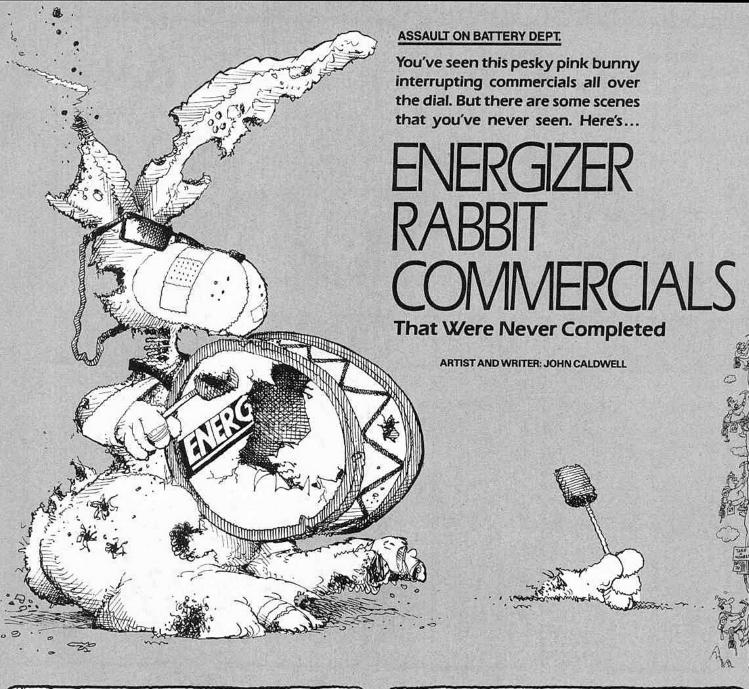
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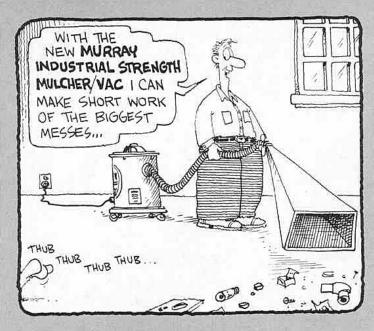




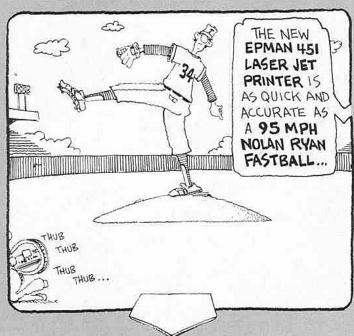


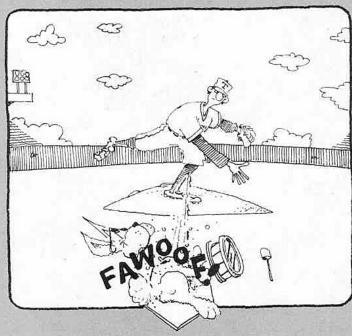




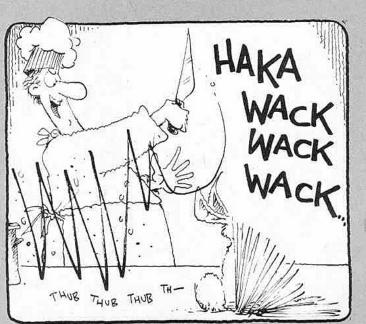




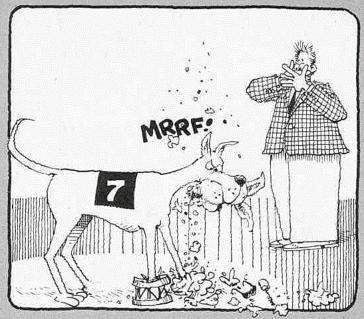


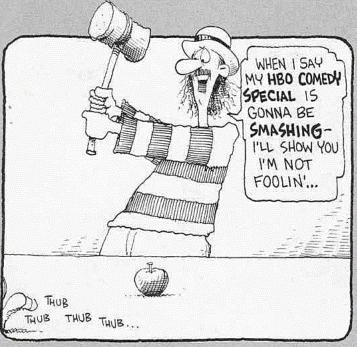


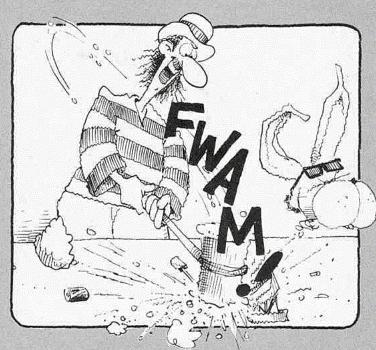


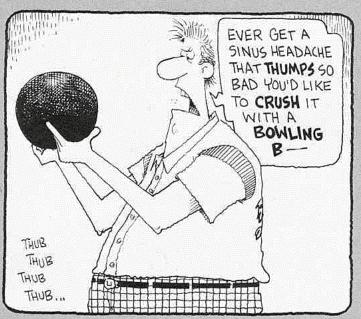




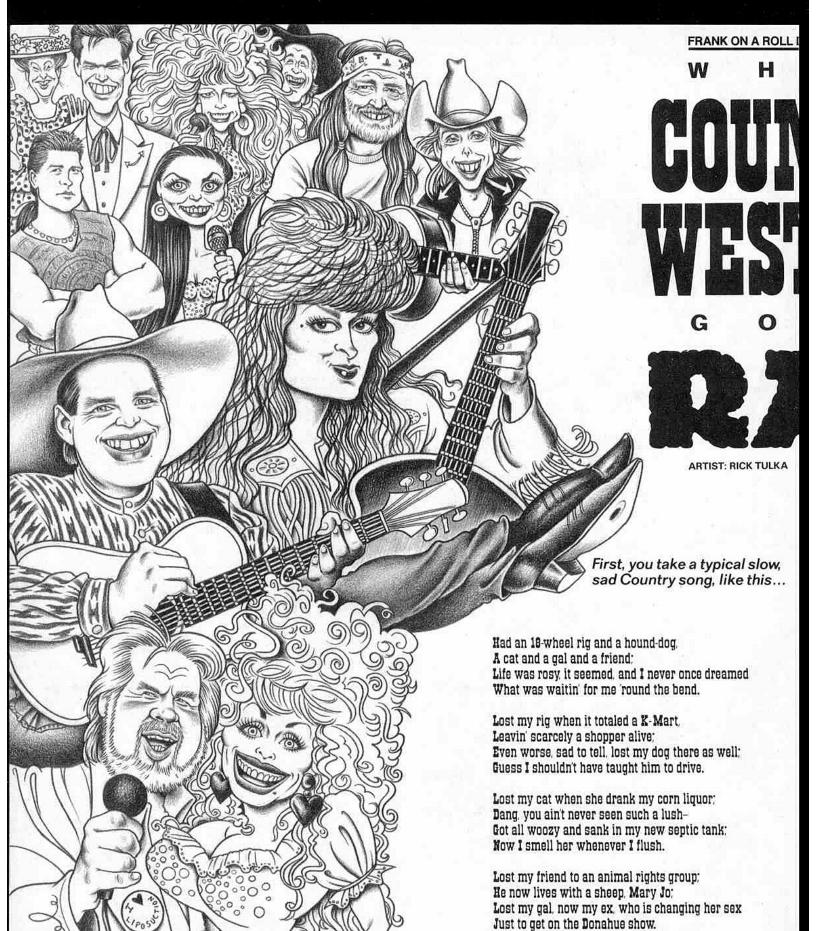










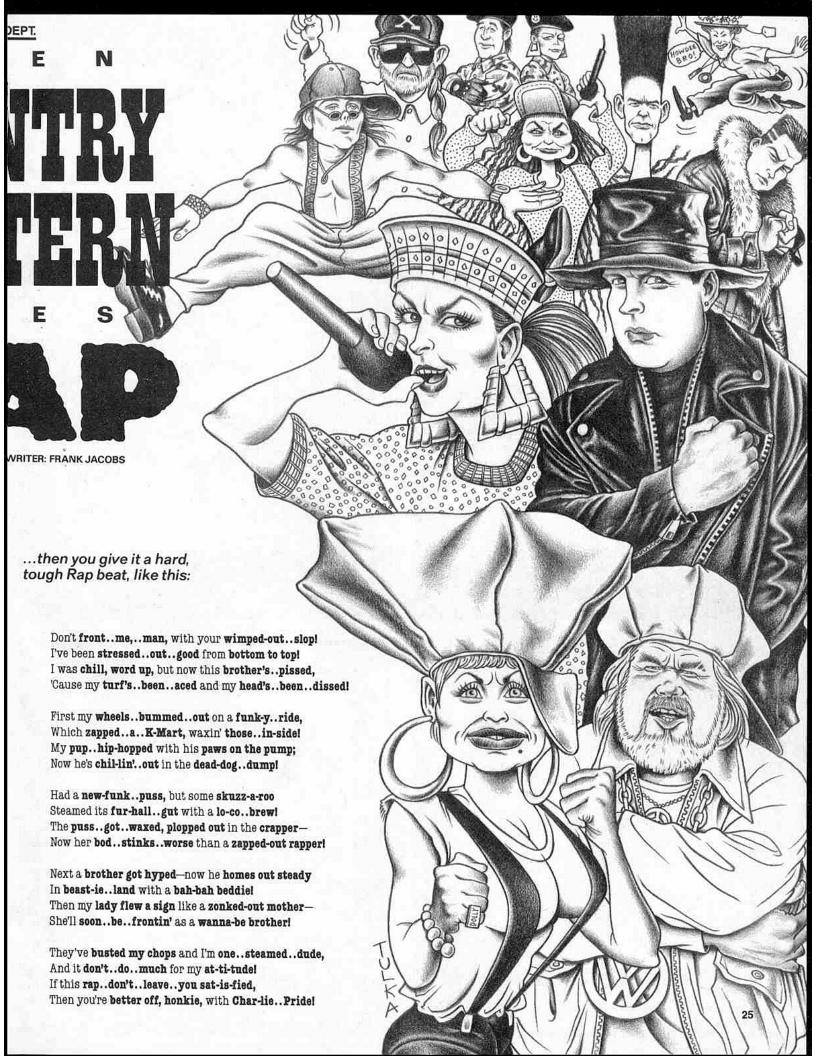


Though they're gone and I've lost 'em forever,

Ain't no comfort or joy for an old country boy

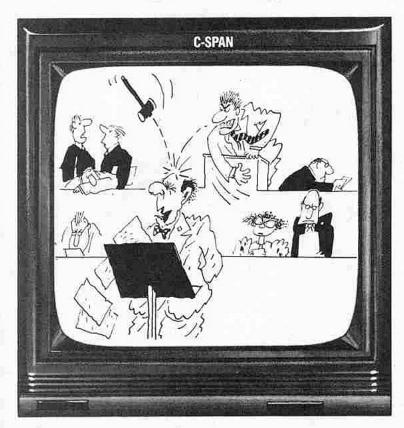
Don't be singin' no sad songs for me:

Till he's livin' in pure misery.

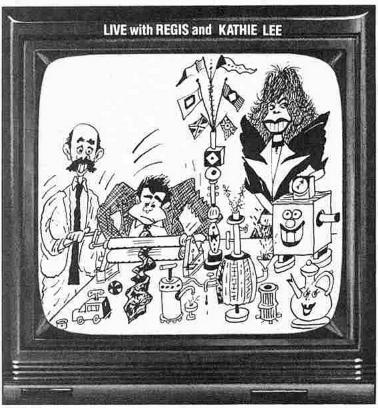


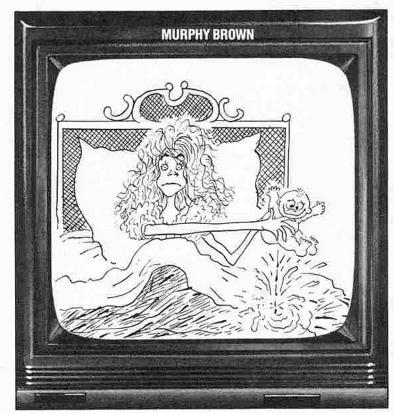
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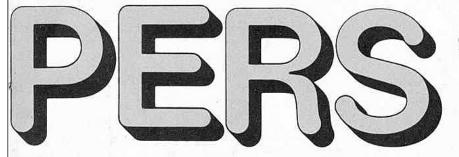
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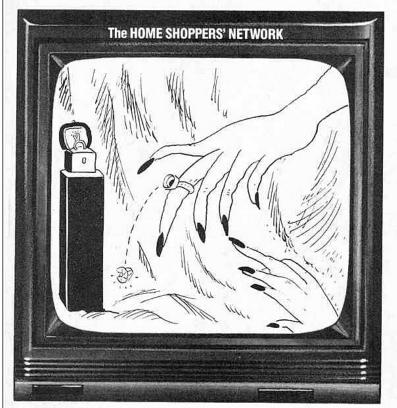






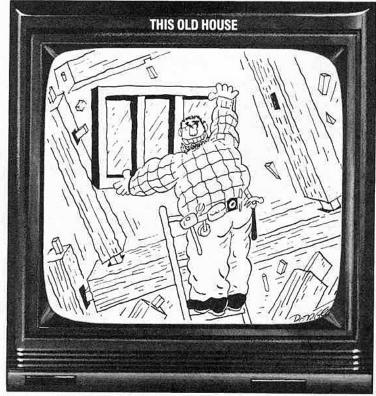
We'd Really Like to See

ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES









ENGAGEMENTS





BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

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MOVIES







LOGIC

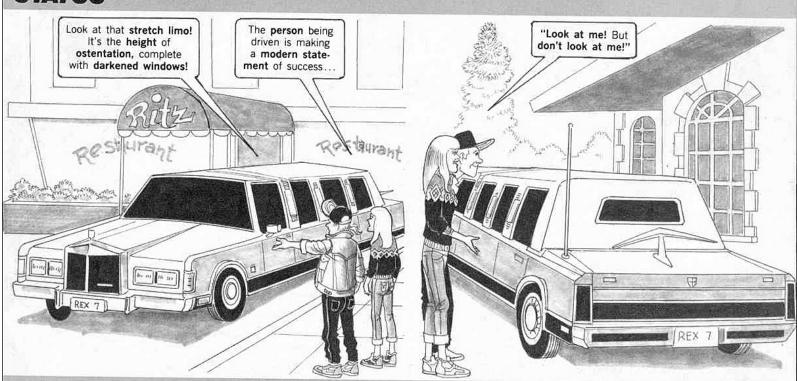




RSIDE OF...

ARTIST & WRITER: DAVE BERG

STATUS



SELECTIVITY





AGREEMENTS

Ben, before we get married, we'd better get one very important issue settled right now! Do you like a large family? Yes,
I most
certainly
do,
Karen!



That's good! Knowing my family, there's a good chance they're all going to move in with us!



PREDICTIONS

Maybe this will cheer you up, Mr. Gloom and Doom!
According to your horoscope, a lot of money is coming your way!

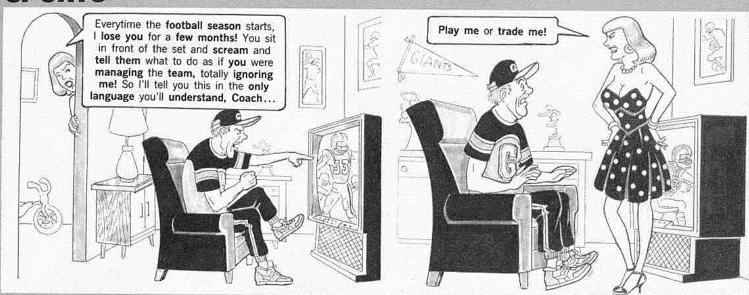
With my luck, you know what that means, don't you?



VACATIONS



SPORTS



STRATEGY

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AWARENESS

This is



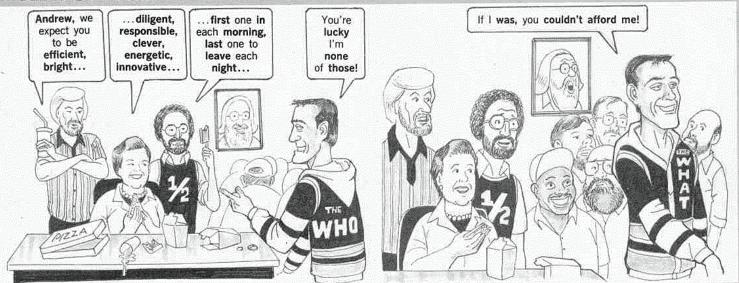
That's right! We came for

After eight months of coming here at the price you charge, we have no more money to fight over!

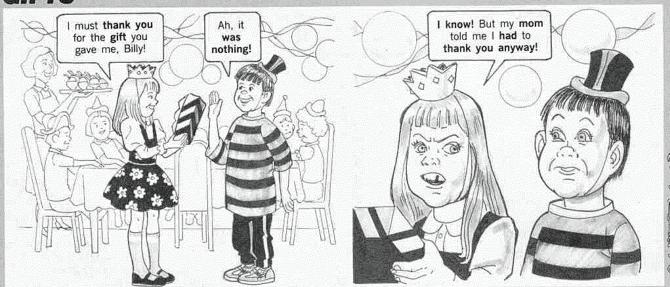




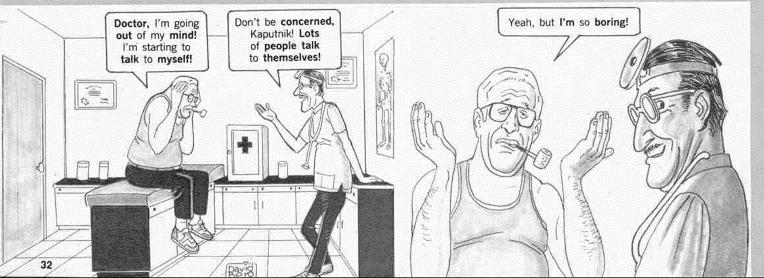
THE OFFICE



GIFTS



DOCTORS



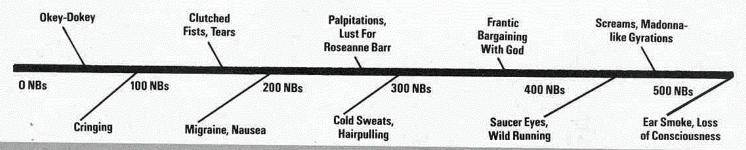
ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TENSION DEPT.

Virtually everything we want in life—food, amusements, services, goods—carries with it a price tag, an expense commonly measured in dollars and cents. But all too often it isn't until after we've paid the bill that we really begin paying for our acquisitions by suffering years of frustration, aggravation and all around agita! This is an expense that can only be measured properly in "Nail Bites" (NBs) and we have devised an illuminative and depressing system of measurement (see chart below) which you can use to determine exactly what kind of pain and misery awaits you! So join us, won't you, as MAD charts...

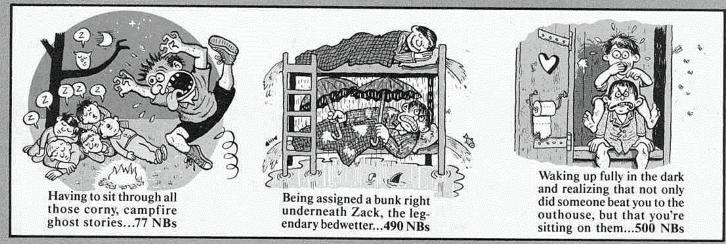
THE HIDDEN EMOTIONAL COSTS OF THINGS

ARTIST: TOM BUNK

WRITER: DAN BIRTCHER

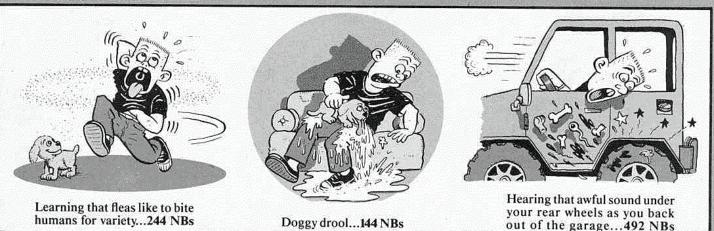


SUMMER CAMP

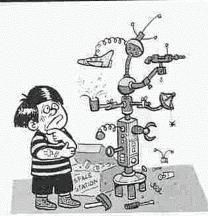


TOTAL: 1,067 NBs

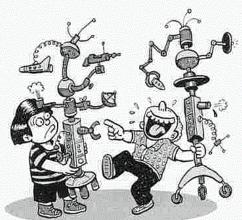
PET DOGS



THIS YEAR'S HOT TOY



Finding out that even with the 36 optional accessories you purchased separately, it isn't half as neat as it seemed on television...311 NBs



Having your friends tell you that it's no longer hot after you've had it less than a week...259 NBs



Having your mother throw it away without telling you...303 NBs

TOTAL: 873 NBs

YOUR CLASS RING



Having to do business with that slimy salesman...82 NBs



Having to put up with your mother's slobbering over this latest sign of your "becoming an adult"...154 NBs



Having your girlfriend complain about your hesitation in giving her the ring and then finding it in the back seat of your best friend's Chevy...480 NBs

TOTAL: 716 NBs

POTATO CHIPS



Watching the store bagger crush them to pieces with one, wellaimed drop of a melon...69 NBs

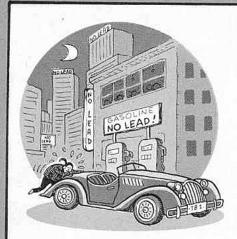


Trying to get the bag open without the use of power tools...491 NBs



Realizing the "Party Size" bag is 75% air...123 NBs

CLASSIC CARS



Driving all over town looking for leaded gasoline...150 NBs



Wondering whether it's being stolen or vandalized while you're at the mall...437 NBs



Having to deal with Junkyard Scuzzwads in order to get the right parts for it...261 NBs

TOTAL: 848 NBs

YOUR OWN PHONE



Learning first hand that the phone company really does charge \$95 just to throw the switch which activates the line in your house...148 NBs



Finding out that someone has been writing your name and number on bus station restroom walls...201 NBs



Finding out there are a lot more aluminum siding and frozen meat salesmen calling you than members of the opposite sex...342 NBs

TOTAL: 691 NBs

A PLANE TRIP



Having your soiled, holey underwear thoroughly examined by airport security guards after a major bomb threat is received ... 398 NBs



Hearing your pilot come on the intercom in midflight to warn you of turbulence and not understanding a word because of his slurred speech and constant hiccupping...496 NBs



Finding out the guy sitting right next to you sells insurance policies and Amway soap products...297 NBs

THE ECCENTRIC EMERGENCY ENGAGEMENT

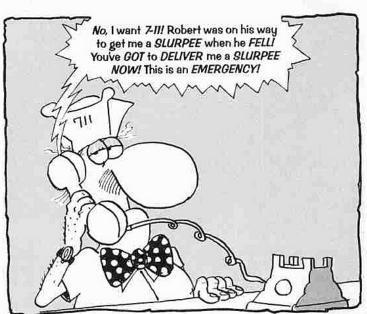
















lice, ticks, and

your ticks have

body lice! You need

more tests! Could

you fill up this cup in the john?

here

for the

results

of my

free

exam!

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cup? Hell, I

can fill this

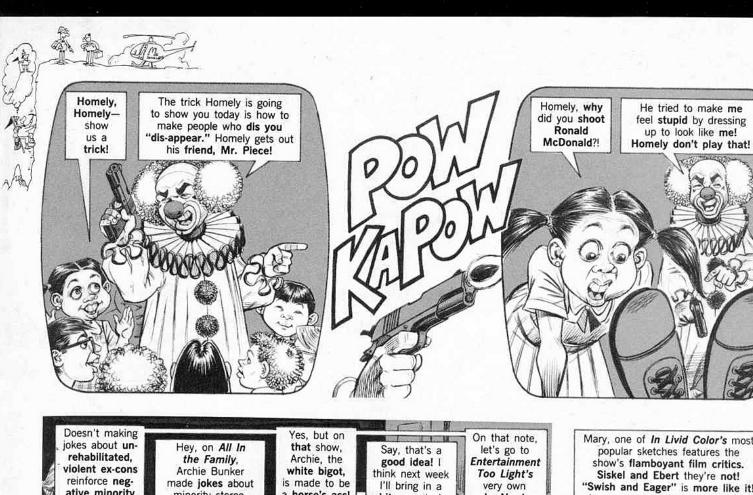
slop jar on a

sidewalk in

broad daylight!

I do it a couple

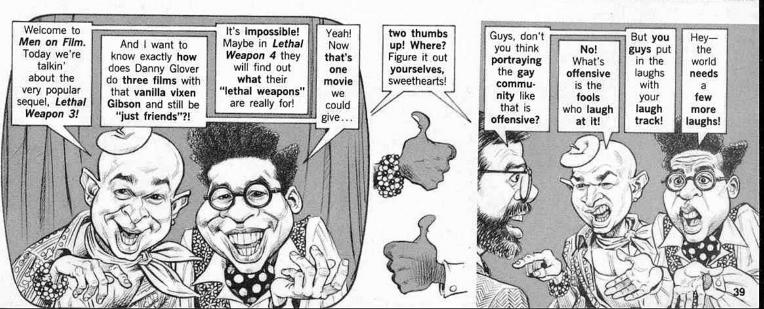
of times a day!





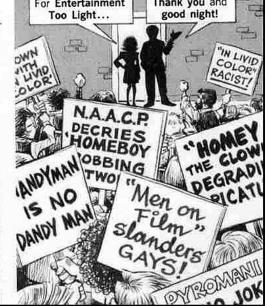
Mary, one of In Livid Color's most "Swish and Eager" is more like it! In any event, let's take a look at a recent "review" they did!











SERGE-IN GENERAL DEPT.

A MAJO LOOK AT ENDANGERED SPECIES







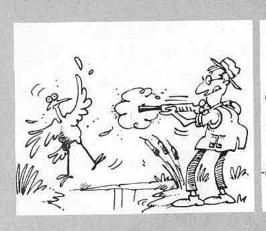
ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES

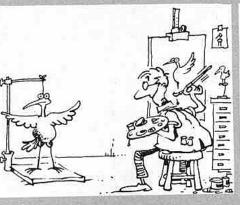


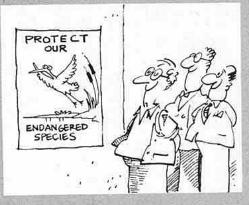
























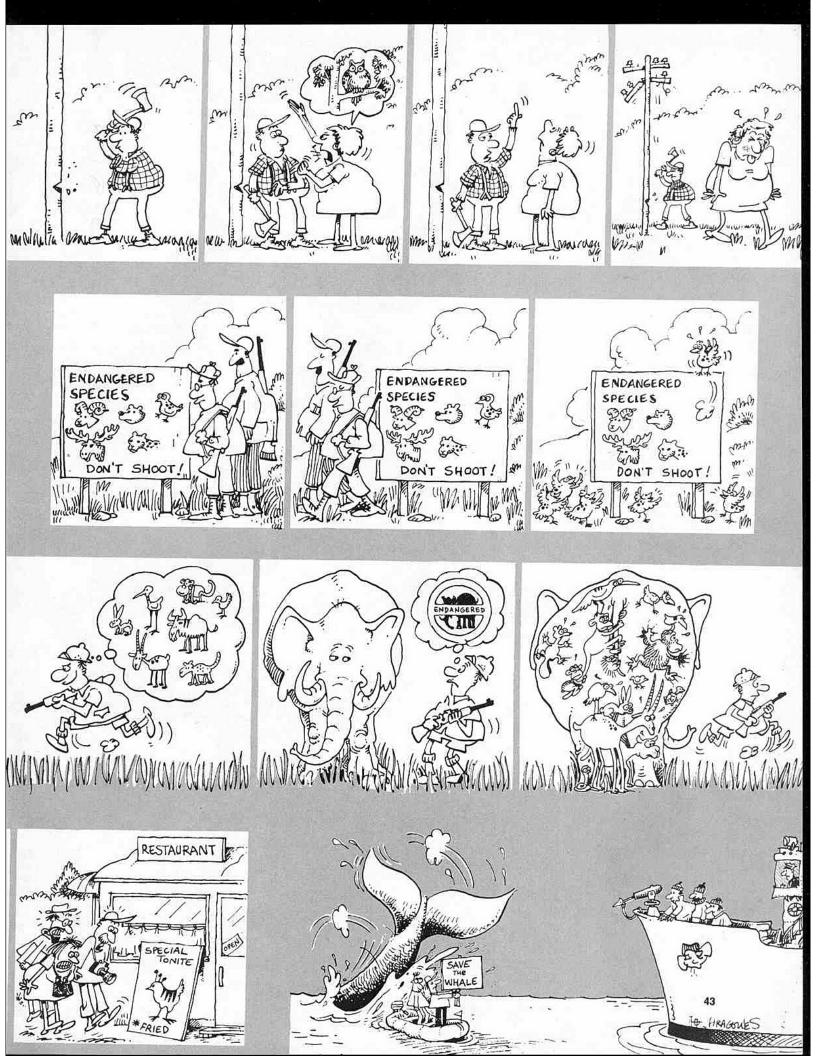












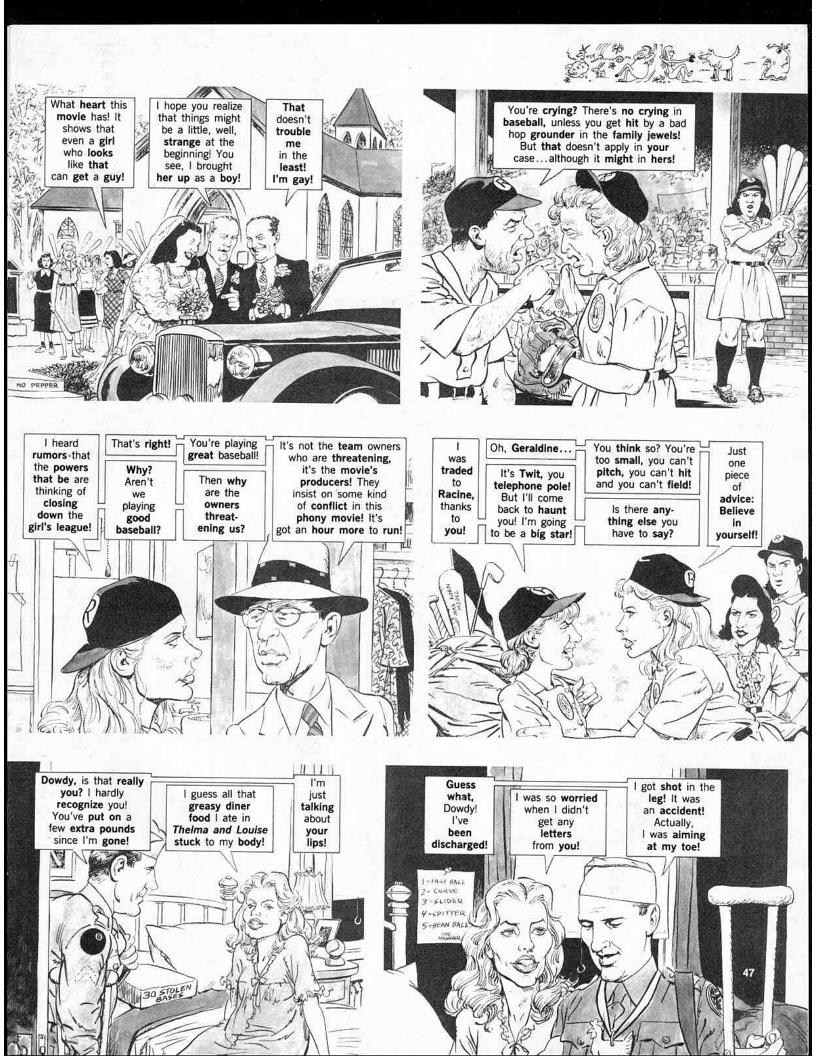
THE BOY TOYS OF SUMMER DEPT.

There's an old saying, "If you love baseball, go out to a game, but if you love baseball cliches, go to a moviel" And just how old is that profound piece of Americana? We thought of it this morning! Hah! And if you think that even one single cliche from all of the baseball movies you've ever seen has been left out of this bomb, then you're too dumb to appreciate the rapier-like wit and brilliant insights in the following MAD satire of...









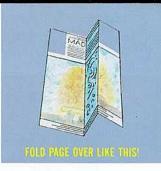


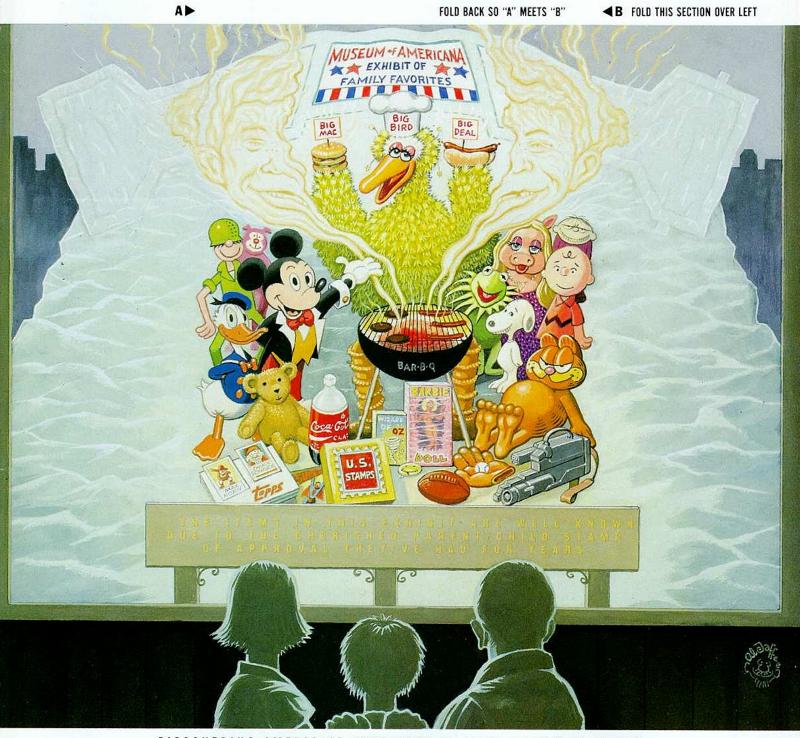
THEAT
FAVORITE OF
BOTH KIDS AND
PARENTS IS
GUARANTEED
TO BE ARCUND
FOREVERY

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

Some favorites seem to stick around for generations. To find out what the long-lasting link between parents and children is, simply fold in page as shown in diagram to the right.





DISCOVERING AMERICA'S FAVORITES IS EASY. HIGHLY REGARDED "DISNEY-LIKE" ITEMS ARE EVERYWHERE. SO ARE OTHER IMPOS-ING EXAMPLES OF AMERICANA. BUT NOT ALL ARE "LOVABLE" TOYS. THERE'S EVERYTHING FROM GAMES, JUNK FOOD, DIET DRINKS AND SPORTS, TO TAPES OF HOME VIDEO CAPERS

